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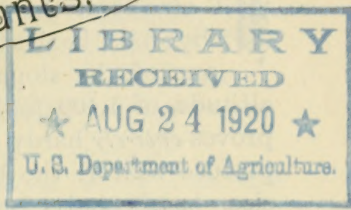
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NEW CANAAN NURSERIES



STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,
CULTIVATORS AND DEALERS IN
Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Plants, Vines, Etc.



GREEN MOUNTAIN GRAPE.

**"A TREASURE AND A WONDER IN THE
HORTICULTURAL WORLD."**

ANOTHER year's trial has fully demonstrated the superior value of this delicious and most wonderful Grape. All we have said in the past relative to the merits of this grape has been more than realized the present season of 1894. It has been a surprise and a wonder to all who have seen our vines and its fruit the present season. While we ourselves have believed we had in the Green Mountain a very superior early grape, yet as our vines increase in age (now 5 and 6 years) we are surprised at its wonderful productions, beauty of bunch, and the deliciousness and delicateness of the fruit. We have heard many exclaim while eating the grape: "Why, it is like a hot house grape." MR. T. S. GOLD, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Connecticut, pronounced it a "Treasure and Wonder in the Horticultural World."

**STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,
NEW CANAAN, CONN.**

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN GRAPE.

IT stands at the head of the list for earliness, good bearing and vigorous, healthy growth. It was found growing in a garden on one of the slopes of the Green Mountains of Vermont, at an altitude of 1,400 feet, where the vine ripens its fruit perfectly and proves *entirely* hardy and *very* vigorous. The vine is a young and very profuse bearer, the blossom is *perfect* and the bunches are of good size, handsomely formed and heavily shouldered. The berries of medium size; color, greenish white; skin, thin, and leaving no unpleasantness whatever in the mouth when eaten; pulp, tender and sweet, with a slight inclination towards the vinous. The seeds, which are only one or two to a grape, separate from the tender pulp with the slightest pressure after leaving the skin. It is *entirely free from foxiness*, and resembles a hot-house grape more nearly than any out-door grape we have ever seen.

The vine's vigorous, healthy growth, with its *large* leaves and abundance of handsome bunches of fruit, elicit the admiration and delight of all who see it and taste of its fruit. Splendid! Good! Lovely! Delicious! are some of the words of exclamation we are sure to hear from those tasting the grape.

It is now six years since we planted the first vines of the Green Mountain grape, and the longer we test it the more we are impressed with its great value as an early grape. During these years of trial the grapes have been, in every instance fully ripe the last week in August, while the Concord has not been ripe before the 15th to the 20th of September. For healthy, vigorous growth, earliness, quality of fruit, and profuseness in bearing, it is, without exception, far ahead of any variety yet introduced.

That the superior merit of the Green Mountain grape may be more quickly and fully known throughout the country, we have sent two vines to each Agricultural Experiment Station in the United States, and also several vines into Canada to be tested. The State of Illinois has bought six vines and Iowa thirty-six, besides the two sent them, for a more thorough test throughout their States.

Six years ago, Mr. Paul, the introducer of this grape, sent a vine to the New York Agricultural Experimental Station at Geneva, to be tested. The vine has borne for four years. In the Station's report of 1889, we find the following table, giving the data collected for the season:

	First leaves appeared	First flowers opened.	Fruit ripe.	Yield.	Growth.	Remarks.
Agawam	May 10	June 18	Sept. 14	Small	Vigorous	No mildew.
Amber Queen	May 10	June 15	.....	Very small.	Vigorous	Mildewed badly; fruit did not ripen.
August Giant	May 10	June 15	Sept. 10	Small	Feeble	No mildew.
Bacchus	May 7	June 9	Sept. 25	Small	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Barry	May 9	June 15	Sept. 10	Very small.	Very vigorous..	Traces of mildew.
Black Madeira	May 17	June 19	.....	.....	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Brighton	May 9	June 15	Sept. 10	Very small.	Very vigorous..	Traces of mildew.
Burnet	May 10	June 18	.....	.....	Vigorous	No mildew.
Catawba	May 10	June 15	Oct. 5	Fair	Vigorous	No mildew.
Centennial	May 12	June 16	Sept. 17	Very small.	Feeble	No mildew.
Champion	May 10	June 15	Sept. 7	Small	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Concord	May 14	June 19	Sept. 21	Very small.	Vigorous	No mildew.
Duchess	May 10	June 18	Sept. 15	Small	Very vigorous..	Some mildew.
Early Victor	May 10	June 18	Sept. 15	Small	Very vigorous..	Traces of mildew.
Eaton	May 14	.....	.....	.....	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Empire State	May 10	June 18	.....	.....	Feeble	No mildew.
Emuelan	May 8	June 18	Sept. 4	Fair	Vigorous	Traces of mildew.
Green Mountain.	May 9	June 15	Aug. 28	Good	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Hayes	May 10	June 17	Sept. 12	Very small.	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Highland	May 20	.....	.....	.....	Feeble	No mildew.
Iona	May 14	June 18	Sept. 22	Small	Vigorous	No mildew.
Isabella	May 10	June 15	Sept. 18	Very small.	Vigorous	No mildew.
Jefferson	May 14	June 20	Oct. 9	Fair	Very vigorous..	Mildew on one bunch of fruit.
Jessica	May 9	June 15	Sept. 3	Fair	Vigorous	Some mildew.
Lady	May 15	June 15	Sept. 17	Fair	Vigorous	Some mildew.
Lady Washington	May 10	June 18	Sept. 25	Very small.	Vigorous	Mildewed badly.
Lindley	May 10	June 15	Sept. 9	Fair	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Mary	May 10	.....	.....	.....	Feeble	No mildew.
Monroe	May 9	June 15	Sept. 7	Fair	Vigorous	No mildew.
Moore's Early	May 10	June 15	Sept. 6	Very small.	Vigorous	No mildew.
Niagara	May 10	June 15	Sept. 10	Fair	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Norwood	May 10	June 18	.....	One bunch.	Vigorous	No mildew.
Pocklington	May 13	June 15	Sept. 10	Fair	Feeble	No mildew.
Poughkeepsie	May 10	.....	.....	.....	Feeble	No mildew.
Prentiss	May 10	June 15	Sept. 21	Fair	Vigorous	No mildew.
Rochester	May 17	June 15	Sept. 7	Small	Vigorous	No mildew.
Salem	May 8	June 15	Sept. 12	Very small.	Vigorous	No mildew.
Senasqua	May 14	June 19	.....	.....	Vigorous	Mildewed badly.
Ulster Prolific	May 9	June 15	.....	.....	Weak	No mildew.
Vergennes	May 12	June 15	Sept. 12	Very small.	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Wildier	May 9	June 15	Sept. 12	Very small.	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Woodruff Red	May 9	June 15	.....	.....	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Worden	May 15	June 16	Sept. 7	Very small.	Very vigorous..	No mildew.
Seedling from J. G. Burrows	May 9	.....	.....	.....	Vigorous	No mildew.
Seedlings from T. V. Munson	May	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 17	May 12	June 18	Sept. 24	Fair	Vigorous	Traces of mildew.
No. 20	May 9	June 15	Sept. 15	Good	Vigorous	No mildew.
No. 20 1/2	May 9	June 16	Sept. 15	Fair	Vigorous	No mildew.
No. 21	May 9	June 16	Sept. 15	Very Good.	Vigorous	No mildew.
No. 22	May 9	.....	.....	.....	Vigorous	No mildew.
No. 24	May 9	.....	.....	.....	Vigorous	No mildew.

From the above report, it will be seen that the **GREEN MOUNTAIN** GRAPE ripens its fruit six days earlier than any of the varieties tested, and in the column for yield the "Green Mountain" and only two other sorts have "Good" affixed, while the growth is given as "Very vigorous" and "No mildew." We have the fullest confidence that a like favorable mention will be had from all the stations where grapes grow and do well. The superb quality of this Grape may be more fully determined by reading the testimonials which follow:

[From the South Norwalk Sentinel.]

Stephen Hoyt's Sons, of New Canaan, have developed a most valuable grape, which we saw and tested yesterday. They call it the "Green Mountain." It is of the white variety, perfect in form and delicious in flavor. The vine is hardy, the grapes grow in large and beautiful clusters, and they ripen before the first of September. In fact they have the appearance and flavor of the rare hot-house grape. We know of no white grape that grows out-of-doors that equals it, and we expect to hear from the Green Mountain grape in the future.

[From the Hoosac Falls News.]

(The following appears in the account given of the Fair held at North Adams, Mass., in the Fall of 1888.) James M. Paul exhibited fifteen varieties of grapes. Among them was the Green Mountain seedling, one of the sweetest and best flavored grape we have ever tasted. It is a white grape, ripens early, is very hardy and peculiarly adapted to this climate.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS.

[From the *Norwalk Gazette*, issue August 27, 1891.]

*Report of Proceedings at Field Day Held at New Canaan Nurseries,
August 25, 1891.*

A large number of the noted pomologists, horticulturists, fruit raisers and dealers and horticultural editors, were congregated at the beautiful grounds of the Hoyt's Nursery, on Tuesday, at New Canaan, on invitation to come and view their horticultural wonder, the Green Mountain Grape, now in its full luxuriance of vine, leaf and bearing. The vines were critically examined and

**Found to be entirely free from any of the prevailing diseases of
rust or rot, etc.,**

Now so universally affecting all other varieties of out-door grapes.

No unusual and no extra tillage

Had been resorted to, and

Yet the vines were wonderfully rank and thrifty in their growth,

While the leaves were in many instances double the size of ordinary grape leaves and in color the healthiest, deepest green. But the chief delight was the burden of fruit. On one four year old vine were 132 bunches, all plump and full, and not a specked berry on any one of the bunches. The fruit was probably at its highest perfection in the way of luxuriant growth, but most of the bunches were not fully ripe and need to remain upon the vines another week to develop the grapes' delicate and exquisite flavor, which is fully equal to the average hot-house grape. The berries are now full sized and a brilliant green.

**The earliness of the Grape is a great consideration, but its vigorous,
healthy growth and its unrivaled excellence of flavor are its
chiefest elements of value.**

After the vines were thoroughly viewed, the riper berries on the bunches abundantly tested and re-tested, the Hoyt's invited the guests to sit down under the trees, to a sumptuous and elaborately prepared lunch.

The lunch over, and to which most ample justice was done (as there were several hungry journalists there), Mr. Edwin Hoyt called on Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Hyde, of agricultural fame, to preside and to call out such frank and honest expressions of the different fruit men's opinions, as to the value of this new grape, as each might entertain. He paid a high tribute to the personal integrity and worth of the owners of this new seedling, and of their revered and everywhere honored deceased father, Capt. Stephen Hoyt. He had watched this grape with exceeding and critical interest for the three years past and to him it

"Was the wonder of the horticultural world."

Mr. Pierson, of Bethel, a practical and zealous grape-grower, was next called on to relate his experience in the cultivation of the vines of the Green Mountain, sent him by the Messrs. Hoyt. He responded by saying that he grew fourteen or fifteen different varieties of the choicest grapes known. He gave them all the same cultivation, which was the best he knew. That the Green Mountain had proved, not only much the earliest in ripening of any of which he had knowledge, but in growth and quality was far ahead of all others in his vineyard.

Mr. Draper, President of the Massachusetts Grange, pronounced the grape, as raised by him,

**As overtopping all other grapes known, in vigor, earliness, exquisite
flavor and prodigious yield.**

J. W. Manning, of Redding, Mass., had a three year old Green Mountain on his grounds, with eighty large and perfect clusters. He pronounced it,

"without exception, the best early white grape known."

Mr. Williams, of Montclair, and secretary of the New Jersey Horticultural Society, had been very successful with the Martha and Lady, but "the Green Mountain is unquestionably ahead of all other varieties known to pomologists." He thought it more than probable that localities would be found where the grape would grow in even greater perfection than any yet hit upon. This had been the history of most new seedlings of merit. He recommended the paper-bagging of the clusters of all grapes. He has this year bagged about 180,000 bunches, and he was able to realize about two cents a pound more for such than for those not protected by the paper bags.

Mr. Smith, of Bridgeport, paid a high tribute to the upright and honest business character of the owners of this new grape wonder, and commended the Hoyts' method of advancing it, by calling experts together to see it growing and test its qualities.

W. T. Doty, Editor of the *Orange Co., N. Y., Farmer*, was delighted at seeing this wonderful grape as he then did.

"It beats all early grapes I have ever seen," said he.

E. T. Hobbs, of Maryland, and Editor of the *New York Fruit Journal*, was glad of this opportunity to say a good word for the really wonderful Green Mountain Grape. A sample of it was sent to their office last year,

**And they had no hesitation in pronouncing it far superior to any
other white grape in the market.**

It was superior to any of the California grapes that reach our eastern markets, and he did not wonder that the Messrs. Hoyt had selected the figure of the two ancient Israelites returning from the land of Canaan bearing an enormous cluster of grapes on a pole, as their trade mark. They were abundantly justified in thus adapting this scriptural account of the marvelous fruits growing in old Canaan.

He predicted a great future for this marvel of the horticultural world, And with ordinary business sagacity, a large fortune should come to the owners of the wonderful Vermont seedling. An immense sale awaits this grape as soon as put upon the market.

Both its vines and fruit will be eagerly sought for by the universal public just as soon as its superior merits become known, and the difficulty is going to be, to supply that demand.

Mr. Smith, the noted New Britain peach grower, said he had never seen a

White grape so early, so vigorous and so delicious.

Dr. Ward, pomologist, of Newark, N. J., believed the Green Mountain was destined to take the lead of all other varieties of out-door grown grapes. There was no grape known to him, that could equal it

In all valuable and desirable qualities.

Mr. C. P. Angur said it was an acquisition that needed no "taffy," no "puffery," no exaggeration of statement.

It stood unrivaled and unapproached among the grapes of the country.

Gov. Hyde then called out Mr. Edwin Hoyt, to give his account of the fruit. Mr. Hoyt said he was attracted by its great vigor, its freedom from disease, its beauty and luxuriance of leaf and fruit, and most of all by the exquisite flavor of the grape when ripe. He tested it most carefully and came to the conviction that it was nearer a hot-house grape than any he had ever seen. So impressed was he of its superior merits that he was led to make the extraordinary efforts that he did, to secure the entire franchise in the seedling. His faith in its merits had been more than realized. He then read the following letter.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS.—My Green Mountain Grape is doing nicely. This, the third season has brought out 125 bunches of nice grapes. Seems hardy and healthy, while the Concord near by is attacked with blight.

Old Mystic, Conn., August 10, 1891.

FRED. E. WHIPPLE.

They did not intend to misrepresent or overstate the quality of this fruit, nor anything else raised in their nursery. He said he had read somewhere that nurserymen were a good deal like parents when they had a baby, they looked upon that particular baby as unequalled in all the world, and fearing that he might be somewhat similarly biased, he had invited these fruit experts and friends to come and see and test it for themselves and not for his glorification. He craved only the honest and sincere opinions of all present. He wanted nothing said of it in the way of undeserved praise or exaggerated compliments. The object lesson was before their eyes and he wished their unbiased judgment, candidly stated, concerning its merits or defects. He felt grateful to the large company of friends present, many of whom had come long distances on purpose to view the new seedling, and he thanked them one and all.

In conclusion, before the assembly broke up, Gov. Hyde expressed his delight at seeing the evidences of the growth of the area of the Hoyts' Nursery and of their business. He had been an occasional visitor there for a period running back a half century, and if their area of well-tilled acres and business continued to grow in the immediate future as in the recent past, New Canaan would have to enlarge her town borders to hold them. At this point Mr. Hoyt interrupted to say that their nursery had long since outgrown its old New Canaan boundaries and had overflowed into the town of Norwalk, much of their best nursery land being in the latter town.

Prof. E. S. Goff, formerly Horticultural manager at the Agricultural Experiment Station, at Geneva, N. Y., in the January number of "Popular Gardening," 1889, writes:

Among the very promising varieties soon to be introduced to the public is the Green Mountain, a very early greenish white grape, first brought to notice by Mr. James M. Paul, of North Adams, Mass. I have fruited this grape for the past two seasons; it ripens about with Champion, while its quality ranks among the best. The vine is vigorous and quite productive, bearing medium-sized, not very compact bunches, of which the berries are a little larger than those of the Delaware. The flesh is quite free from hard pulp, and entirely without harshness or foxiness, and its flavor is very sweet, with a slight inclination towards the vinous. I must pronounce it the only grape thus far tested that ranks first both in earliness and quality.

From October Number American Agriculturist, by Dr. Hexamer:

Green Mountain Grape.

At the recent field meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Agriculture, on the grounds of Stephen Hoyt's Sons, New Canaan, we had an opportunity to examine what Secretary T. S. Gold calls 'a treasure and wonder in the horticultural world.' Considering the very unfavorable season, and the not less unfavorable soil and location on which the Green Mountain grows there, it is certainly a remarkable grape. It begins to ripen August 20th, has very little foxiness, a pure flavor, a tender pulp, medium-sized berries of green color, good-sized bunches, and is altogether a handsome grape and a pleasing grape. Grown under more favorable circumstances, we have no doubt it will soon become a favorite.

[From the *Fruit Trade Journal*, New York, Aug. 29, 1891.]

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN GRAPE,

SEEN IN ITS GLORY AT HOYT'S FAMOUS NEW CANAAN NURSERIES.

There was a notable gathering of horticulturists and fruit experts on Tuesday last, at the well-known nurseries of Stephen Hoyt's Sons, New Canaan, Conn. It was in response to an invitation from the Messrs. Hoyt to a field meeting on their beautiful grounds to see in its native glory that "treasure and wonder of the horticultural world"—as it has been aptly termed by a well-known fruit grower—the Green Mountain grape. The most successful horticulturists of New England, New York and New Jersey were present.

The visitors were met at New Canaan and South Norwalk, and driven in coaches to the nurseries, where, after being shown over the 600 acres of the beautiful Hoyt estates, they spent the morning in the vineyard where the Green Mountain grape, just fully ripe, displayed its rich, large clusters, to admiring eyes. The vines, though only four years old, showed luxuriant growth, appeared remarkably hardy and had leaves double the size of the ordinary grape vine. The berry is a shade smaller than the Niagara, but sweeter and of richer green color, and are as thin skinned as the Delaware. But in flavor it surpasses both, showing nothing of the strong taste that makes the other early grapes nearly objectionable. *Nearly every cluster was "shouldered,"* thus giving it the shape of a cone, with an even taper, that adds so much to the selling price of the grape. The vines showed no unusual tillage, and everyone was surprised that an outdoor grape would ripen to such perfection so early in the season—fully one week ahead of the earliest grapes now grown. After the delicious grapes had been thoroughly examined and abundantly tested, an elaborate collation was served in the beautiful grove surrounding the Hoyt mansion. After luncheon Mr. Edwin Hoyt called on Ex-Governor Hyde, of agricultural and political fame, to preside, and call out opinions concerning the new grape. He paid a high tribute to the personal integrity and worth of the owner of this new seedling, and of their deceased father, Capt. Stephen Hoyt, through whom the name had become a synonym in that part of Connecticut for probity and honor.

Many of the most extensive and successful grape growers, viz., Ex-Governor Hyde, Mr. Pierson, of Bethel; J. W. Manning, of Reading, Mass.; Mr. Williams, of Montclair, N. J.; Mr. Doty, editor of the Orange County (N. Y.) *Farmer*; Mr. Smith, of Bridgeport; Mr. Byington of the Norwalk *Gazette*; Dr. Ward, of Newark, N. J.; Mr. Smith, of New Britain, spoke favorably of the grape. Among others who made remarks in its favor were the following:

Elon S. Hobbs, President of the *Fruit Trade Journal Co.*, predicted a great future for the grape, and also said that the samples sent to his office last year, were superior in flavor and appearance to any grape then in the New York market, which was supplied at that time by California and the South. "I believe," said he, "that a rich harvest awaits the fruit grower who can put this grape on the market in quantities from the grape lands of the South, New Jersey or New York. There is nothing that can compete with it, and the high opinion I formed of it a year ago is more than confirmed to-day as I see the fruit hanging in rich, ripe clusters from the vine."

Mr. Draper, President of the Massachusetts Grange, pronounced it as overtopping all other grapes in exquisite flavor and prodigious yield.

Mr. C. P. Augur, of Whitneyville, Conn., said that the grape was an acquisition that needed no puffing. *It stood unrivalled and unapproached.*

Gov. Hyde then called out Mr. Edwin Hoyt, who gave an interesting account of the fruit.

Late in the afternoon the party said good-bye, and everybody carried away with him golden opinions of the Green Mountain Grape.

[From the *New England Farmer*, Issue of Sept. 12, 1891.]

EVERY FARMER SHOULD SIT UNDER ITS VINE AND ENJOY THE FRUIT THEREOF.

The Green Mountain Grape vine, received from Stephen Hoyt's Sons, has borne fruit this season and I must say exceeds my expectations. I have tried so many new things that fall short of the claims made that it is a delight to find one that surprises in the other direction. This grape has surprised me. It was ripe before I suspected it. I never ate a ripe grape from my garden in August before this year. The Concord has been my standby although I have several others on trial that are promising. At this date, September 5th, the Concords show scarcely any color. The Moore's Earlies are coloring up a little, but there is not an eatable grape on the vines. I have other varieties with an occasional berry that is eatable by the birds at least, but the Green Mountain is ripe and all gone, and the color is so near alike, green or ripe, that the robins and sparrows did not discover they were ripe, so I had them all. I saw by the papers that the Hoyt Brothers were picking theirs the latter half of August, so I sampled mine and found some of them ripe on the 25th, and all were fit to pick by the first of September. The grape is a thrifty grower and good bearer and will need thinning. I took off more than half the bunches this year when small.

The color is a semi-transparent green, and the quality is good all the way through. The skin, which is very thin, is sweet, so one is slow to let it go from the mouth. Had I got hold of such grapes when a boy I should have eaten skin and all as one does currants.

Dr. Fisher told Massachusetts farmers years ago, in his excellent lecture on grapes before the board of agriculture, that Massachusetts is very near the northern limit of successful grape growing; that a selected spot may be practically far south or another near by, but less favorably exposed, and that the Concord was the grape to stick to.

I am not sure that the Green Mountain will be tough enough to stand transportation like some others, but it seems to me that it will be the grape for everybody's garden, and if everybody had a vine the question of transportation would be of little account. The "Farmer" and "Homes" would like to know that every reader had a productive vine of his own to sit under and enjoy the fruit thereof. The Green Mountain will mature fruit over a wider territory than any variety I have yet seen.

MR. PAUL,

EAST WINDSOR, MASS., Dec. 27th, 1888.

Dear Sir:—The Green Mountain grape vine that I had of you is doing well. The grapes are considerably earlier than Moore's Early, sweeter and finer flavored. I think it is the best grape that I have seen in New England, and the earliest.

Yours truly,

R. W. TORREY.

MR. JAMES M. PAUL,

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Dec. 27th, 1888.

My Dear Sir:—The two vines of the Green Mountain grape I had of you, have borne fruit two years. I regard the vine as a thrifty grower and a good bearer. The grape is very rich with no sour pulp. Needs thinning about one half. It stands beside the Delaware, and is ripe at least a fortnight earlier.

Yours truly,

JAMES FRANCIS.

MESSRS. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS, New Canaan, Conn.

BLACKINGTON, MASS., Jan. 5th, 1889.

My Green Mountain grape vine, set out one year ago last Spring, has borne a nice little crop the past season. It is the earliest grape, and also the finest quality which I have or that is grown in this vicinity.

THOMAS C. PHELPS.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,

TRUMBULL, CONN., Sept. 13th, 1889.

Gentlemen:—The one year old Green Mountain vine I set out May 1st, has made growth of main vine, $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet; one side branch, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet; one side branch, 4 feet; two side branches, 2 feet; one side branch, 3 feet; two side branches, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Total 34 feet. It was set beside a Niagara, Brighton and Moore's Early, and has made seven or more feet more than any of the others with the same treatment, and there is no mildew or blight about it.

L. A. HAWLEY.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,

BLACKINGTON, MASS., Nov. 30th, 1889.

Gentlemen:—In regard to the Green Mountain grape, we can candidly say we are much pleased with it in all respects. It was beyond our expectations. Although we have many varieties of grapes, the Green Mountain is far superior to any other. The vine is hardy and wintered well. It bears extremely early, and as to the quality, they are too good and cannot last long. In brief, it is the best grape I have ever seen or heard of.

Yours respectfully,

THOS. C. PHELPS.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Dec. 6th, 1889.

The two vines of the Green Mountain grape which I had of Mr. Paul have borne three years. They are thrifty growers, full bearers, two or three weeks earlier than the Delaware, about the same size, sweet, with a honey flavor; free from mildew thus far. I cover them with straw as I do my other vines, and they winter equally as well.

Yours truly,

JAMES FRANCIS.

MESSRS. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS, New Canaan, Conn.

NOTCH, MASS., Jan. 8th, 1889.

My Green Mountain grape vine set three years ago, has given a fine crop the past season. I consider it the finest grape I have ever eaten, and extremely early; indeed, it is the only grape yet tested that ripens well at my high altitude (1,570 feet) among the mountains.

LABAN S. WILBUR.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,

HARTFORD, CONN., December 12th, 1889. }

Gentlemen:—I attended a field-day meeting of our State Board of Agriculture at your place, Aug. 27th, 1889. I was surprised to find at this early date the "Green Mountain" grape ripe. The vines were loaded, giving promise of being very prolific, and the grapes were delicious.

Yours truly,

E. H. HYDE,

Member of State Board of Agriculture,
appointed by the Governor and Senate.

MESSRS. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,

WEST CORNWALL, CONN., Nov. 30th, 1889.

My Dear Sirs:—I was highly pleased with my field-day meeting called by the Board of Agriculture at your place August 27th, in the fact that the Green Mountain grape, which, from my previous knowledge of it, I had in the call of the meeting, announced as "a wonder and treasure in the horticultural world," so fully justified my expression of praise. Notwithstanding the bad season which has ruined most varieties, we found the Green Mountain grape-vines on your grounds vigorous and comparatively healthy, loaded with good-sized bunches of well ripened, sweet, tender grapes. Its earliness with its other good qualities, must make it a favorite both for home use and market.

Yours respectfully,

T. S. GOLD,

Secretary State Board of Agriculture
of Connecticut.

Rye, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The grapes really surprised me. I cannot speak too highly in their favor.

CHAS. FREMD.

Messrs. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS.—They are of superior quality, even better than Niagara. Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 10, 1891.

THE "PRACTICAL FARMER."

South Natick, Mass, Sept. 14, 1891.

Messrs. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS.—The flavor of the fruit is truly delicious.

A. F. HUNTER,
Editor *Farm-Poultry*. Poultry Editor *New England Farmer*.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 7, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—I received a beautiful cluster of the Green Mountain grape from you by mail to-day, in perfect condition. It is certainly a very handsome grape, its color being peculiar, a greener tint than any "white" grape grown here.

W. F. MASSEY, Prof. of Horticulture and Botany of Experiment Station.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 8, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The quality of the grape seems very good even after its long journey in this hot weather.

W. F. MASSEY, Prof. of Horticulture and Botany.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 7, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The quality is sprightly and very good, quite free from foxiness. The grape certainly has great merit as an early fruit and will, no doubt, be a great favorite.

C. P. LINES & Co.

Whitneyville, Conn., Sept. 7, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The box of Green Mountain Grapes arrived in good order, and were very fine. Perfectly ripe and sweet, soft pulp easily separating from the seed, and having a thin skin.

C. P. AUGUR.

Norwich, Conn., Sept. 4, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The samples of Green Mountain grapes came by express to-day, and to say they are good does not express it—they are the best white grape I have ever sampled, and the size of the grape is considered just right—not too large or too small. A grape that is fully ripe before the Concord is hardly turned I consider a great success. If one thousand persons could have samples I think it would mean orders for many thousand vines.

STEPHEN CRANE, Nurseryman, of Norwich, Conn.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The grape is rather larger, both in bunch and berry, than I expected, and its quality, I think, has not been exaggerated. It is a very handsome grape, and of really fine quality: pure flavored, with no coarseness either in texture or flavor. I think it will be deservedly popular and valuable, and its early ripening will enable it to be grown in northern localities where the most of our native grapes will not mature.

Delaware, O., Sept. 8, 1891.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

Messrs. HOYT'S—Every one is surprised at the earliness of the grape, and all that have tasted of them speak loud in their favor. I think it the finest flavored grape for an out-door that I ever tasted. It is a long way ahead of all other grapes in this section. It leads all others. Nurseryman Adams, of Merrick & Adams, says that it is the coming grape. The vine that I planted in my own grounds (taken from the twelve I bought of you) last spring has already made seven feet of wood on one cane, and still growing. The vine is healthy and is all right in every respect. The Green Mountain grape has come to stay.

Putnam, Conn., Sept. 2, 1891.

A. HERENDEN.

Bridgeport, Conn., August 28, 1891.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS.—You will probably remember that a year ago last spring you sent me a small Green Mountain grape vine. It was so small I had doubts of its amounting to anything; but I gave it the best chance I could, as my small garden was all planted, and it grew the "2" small buds two or more feet each way, with no extra care, as you had previously told me it was not necessary to lay it down, and perhaps best not to, I gave it no more attention: but this last spring gave it a little extra manure, and it has now developed into quite a vine six or seven feet each way from the stump. A week ago yesterday my wife and I were in the garden and she went and picked one from a small bunch, and to her and my surprise found them ripe and sweet and we at once picked them, amounting to two large and five small bunches, and many friends have taste I them and about eaten them up.

JOHN T. MOODY, Past Gen'l Supt. of N. Y. & N. H. R. R.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—I would want nothing better for myself.
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 3, 1891. WILMER ATKINSON, Editor *Farm Journal*

Unionville, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—Your grapes reached me in good shape, and the flavor was fine.
Accept my thanks. E. SWEETZ.

West Chester, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—Thanks for the fine bunches of Green Mountain Grape which came to hand in good shape to-day. It is certainly a valuable acquisition to our list of new grapes.
W. PARSONS & Co.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—I can say without any doubt that it is the best grape that I ever have eaten, and I have seen and eaten a good many kinds. You will receive an order from me for one or more vines ere long. Please send me some circulars.

Goffstown, N. H., Sept. 2, 1891.

FRED. K. HAZEN.

Bethel, Conn., August 27, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—The vine I bought of you two years ago is a wonder, it has ripened over 60 bunches of grapes and they are one week to ten days earlier than yours. They are cracking open. There is neither mildew or rot on it. People want to know if it is not grown in a hot-house.

GEORGE H. PEARSON.

Springdale, Conn., Sept. 4, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—You will please accept thanks for the delicious grapes that you kindly sent me. Taking into consideration its combination of earliness and excellence it seems to me that you have in the "Green Mountain" the most valuable addition to the great grape family that has been made in many years.

E. K. WOODBURY.

Dedham, Mass., Sept. 6, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—I have the pleasure to inform you that one of the Green Mountain grape vines you sent me, and which was planted a year ago last spring, has borne a nice crop of fruit this season, a dozen or more perfect bunches, and that after I had thinned out as many or more to prevent over-bearing while so young. I am very much pleased with the variety. It surpasses my highest expectations, as it was fully ripe earlier than I had ever before eaten ripe grapes from my garden. It is sweet and delicious, just the thing for everybody to plant in the home garden. Let folks plant it in every door yard in New England.

A. W. CHEEVER, Editor *New England Farmer*.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 5, 1891.

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—Your box containing three bunches of the Green Mountain grape arrived here yesterday, but the grapes were too ripe to keep even in cold storage. I gave some to the President R. I. Horticultural Society, E. J. Nickerson; Secretary C. W. Smith, and to the other two members of the grape committee. Mr. Nickerson declared he must get a vine this fall. I am satisfied that it is the best flavored early grape grown out of doors that I have yet tasted.

JOHN B. PECK,

Member Grape Committee R. I. Horticultural Society

Messrs. HOYT'S SONS.—I bought in the spring of 1890 two of your Green Mountain grape vines, with seal attached. They have made a fair growth although this season has been very dry. Location, northern slope, with open prairie for several miles to the northwest. Soil dark rich loam. Have three or four clusters on each vine, cluster medium, double shouldered, compact, berry medium, light green with yellowish bloom; flavor sweet, but not cloying. Your grape will rank No. 1 for table use. Fully ripe August 31st.

Oakfield, Fondulac Co., Wis., Sept. 2, 1891.

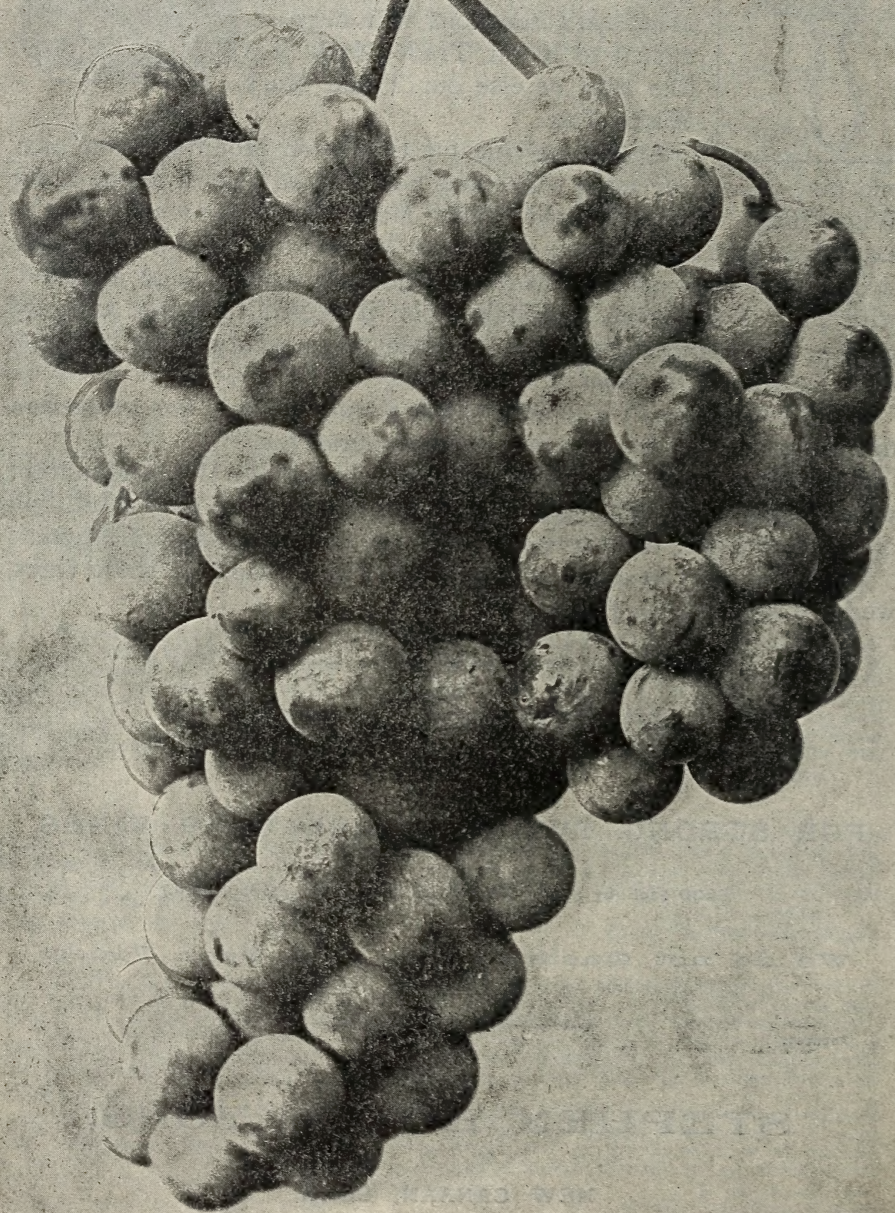
H. BARNES.

Office of "THE FLORIST'S EXCHANGE,"

170 Fulton Street, New York City,

Aug. 28, 1891.

Messrs. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS.—Thanks for the box of Green Mountain grapes, received this day in most excellent condition. The fruit of this handsome white berry is delicious, and approaches nearer to the flavor of a greenhouse grape than any out door variety we have ever tasted. It is entirely devoid of that acrid foxy taste so common in most kinds. Our correspondent at your field-day, August 25th, said: "Although this (New Canaan) is not a grape growing locality, nor indeed specially adapted to the vine, the Green Mountain grape, the earliest of all the varieties of the white grape, grows here without special care, in magnificent profusion and perfection. The bunches are large and full, berries even and of good size, thin skin and of exquisite flavor. * * * The vines are healthy, strong grown, and very free from disease. They bear profusely. We noted on some three and four-year old vines as many as eighty-five bunches."



A PHOTOGRAPH OF NATURAL SIZE BUNCH.